GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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POLICY ON CONSUMPTION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether on account of lack of clear policies of the Government there are avoidable problems in the consumption of CNG, LPG, Diesel and petrol etc;

(b) if so, whether the Government is pushing the sales of fossil fuels which are in any case not as green as the Government propose to project; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIS PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a)to(c): All the fuels, namely Petrol, Diesel, CNG and LPG are fossil fuelsFor addressing environmental concerns, the Government have taken steps to improve the quality of petrol and diesel which, inter alia, include removal of lead from petrol, reduction in benzene and sulphur in petrol and reduction in sulphur and improving cetane number in diesel. An amount of over Rs.10,000 crore has been spent on quality improvement of petrol and diesel.

In addition, Government have permitted use of CNG and LPG for automotive applicationsPresently, CNG is being dispensed in the cities having natural gas pipelines. Public sector oil companies are setting up facilities to supply LPG for automotive use in the polluted cities.

The Government have set up a Committee headed by Dr. R.A. Mashelkar, Chairman, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, comprising experts of national repute to make recommendations to the Government on an appropriate national Auto Fuel Policy. The Report of the Committee is expected shortly.